

CHARITON COURIER.

A. C. VANDIVER PROPRIETOR.

KEYTESVILLE, - MISSOURI.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND has accepted an invitation to visit St. Louis on the occasion of the Grand Army encampment.

ARIZONA, California, Texas and Mexico were badly shaken up by an earthquake on the 3d of May, and the results, while not fatal to human life, is startling.

It is stated that there are 60,000 convicts in the prisons of the United States in 1887, or one to every 700 of population, a percentage nine times that of the year 1850.

The lower house of the general assembly at Jefferson City, a few days ago, passed a \$50,000 appropriation bill—expenses of extra session—and a \$10,000 bill for deficiency.

As an economical measure, the president issued an order, a few days ago, changing and consolidating a number of the internal revenue districts throughout the country.

A LOCAL option convention is being held at Marshall, Saline county, the object of which is to arrange for an election to be held in that county, to determine whether or not local option will carry.

RECENT reports of the United States mints show an output of \$35,000,000 worth of gold and \$51,000,000 worth of silver coinage from our mints during the year 1886, and that in spite of silver coinage our stock of gold is rapidly increasing.

Mrs. W. H. SHELBY, the wife of a master workman in the machine shops, at Moberly, received notice, a few days ago, that she was the legal heir and rightful owner of an estate worth \$12,000,000, recently left to her by deceased relatives in England.

POWDERLY, general master, has issued an official circular under date of May 7th to the Knights of Labor throughout the United States, recommending that on the next Fourth of July, they have celebrations in honor of the birth of the people's government.

The exchanges at the St. Louis clearing-house, on Monday last, amounted to \$3,391,127 which is a flattering exhibit, but the borrowing demand for money and transactions in the other departments of the banks seemed to be lacking in activity and energy.

THE resources of Missouri are indeed wonderful. They have recently discovered an extensive vein of iron ore, near Hannibal, which is thought to be as valuable as any in the state. A company of capitalists from Pittsburgh have already leased the lands, with the view of developing the mines.

THE Missouri Press association will convene at Jefferson City, June 7th and 8th. An interesting program has been arranged and a very pleasant time is anticipated. The leading hotels of the state capital have made a liberal reduction in their usual rates and will furnish excellent accommodations to members of the association at \$1.00 per day.

A FEELING of indignation has developed all along the line, at the recent action of D. H. Shields, chairman of the state Democratic central committee, and John O'Day, chairman of the state Democratic executive committee, in appearing at Jefferson City in the role of lobbyists for the railroads of the state. An expression was given to this feeling by the Democrats of Lafayette county, last week, in a mass-meeting at Lexington, at which resolutions were passed, denouncing the conduct of these functionaries in unmeasured terms. Let the good work go on until these wayward sons shall learn to subordinate their own interest to that of the people.

THE red hand of murder is still abroad in the land. This time, one Josie Turpin, and another woman by the name of Starr, both colored, and living near Brunswick, were the principle and perhaps only actors. It appears from the evidence at the coroner's inquest, that the said Josie, not long since, gave birth to a female child, who, to hide her shame, or to rid herself of the pest, swaddled the little waif with a rag, and then stuck its head in an old coffee pot, and deposited it under a raft in Grand river, where it was found one day last week. No arrests have been, nor likely to be made, for such cases are difficult to prove, and generally mulcting the county in a bill of costs.

H. B. KERCHUR, one of the wealthiest and best known business men in St. Joseph, Mo., was in the garden in the rear of his residence on Eighth street Saturday morning, directing the gardener in some work when he was asked to get some things and started for the house in a great hurry. There are two doors at the rear of the house, one opening into a large room or hallway and the other into the cellar, and in his haste Mr. Kerchur opened the cellar door and stepped blindly forward, falling to the foot of the stairs and when the inmates of the house reached him he was insensible. Medical aid was summoned but death occurred at 1 o'clock p. m., he never having recovered from the shock.

FROM JEFFERSON CITY.

We returned to the capital last Thursday to find that the work of the legislature was still in an embryonic state. Both houses met again on Friday morning and adjourned after a few minutes conference till Monday evening. The committees of both houses on internal improvements having been appointed, and a number of railroad bills having been presented, an adjournment gave the committees a chance to consider all bills which have as yet been presented to them. We are still of the opinion that a bill will be passed, but how much wrangling will be thought necessary by the average legislator, or how much time ought to be consumed in its passage, cannot yet be determined. Some of the bills that have been presented are very voluminous, and, for aught we know, are meaningless, in proportion to their volume, while others are of much less magnitude. As to the merits or demerits of any of them we are not yet prepared to speak, because we have not had an opportunity of studying them. It is sometimes the case that without much thought or investigation men have concluded they were "wiseacres" on some subjects, but when light began to dawn have occasion to change their minds, and find that wherein they thought they were wise they are lacking in every element of wisdom. We opine that some legislators have an experience of this kind on the subject of railroad legislation. They think they are quite adequate, before trying it, to get up a good railroad bill, not only so, but that they are pre-eminently qualified to judge of the merits of a bill prepared by anyone else. When they come, however, to put their knowledge into practice, when they realize the many phases of the questions and the numerous, and seemingly conflicting interests to be considered, and the difficulty in the way of getting others to see as they see, they recant and exclaim, "Who is sufficient for these things?"

The chief difficulty in the way of railroad legislation is found in fixing "maximum rates." Some of the members are willing to enact a similar measure to house bill 620, of the last session, which leaves the fixing of rates to the railroad commissioners. This is opposed by some on constitutional grounds, while others say, whether constitutional or not, they are opposed to giving the commissioners any such power. We are comfortably quartered here at the private boarding house of Capt. Moore, a former Callawayian, who owns the ferry and has the transfer business between Cedar City and Jefferson. My room mates are Rev. C. I. Vandeventer, of St. Joseph, chaplain of the senate, and Judge Carter, a member of the lower house, from Audrain county. The judge is not a great talker, his efficiency consists principally in sensible voting and being able to choose the right of every question pertaining to the interests of his constituency. When a little boy in our native heath of Shelby county, we learned to know and love "Nels" Vandeventer, who joined the Missouri conference in 1844, as an itinerant preacher, and who, till last year, answered to roll call, as an efficient field-hand in working for the salvation of souls. Even then he never flinched, but some of his brethren insisted that he should take a supernumerary relation to the conference in order that he might repair his failing health. He came to Jefferson at the opening of the last winter's session of the legislature, when the senate honored him with the chaplaincy, which place he has filled to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Senator Mackay is well, but is seemingly very lonesome. He gets along very comfortably during the sessions of the senate, but while the long adjournments last he looks as forlorn as a bird that has recently lost its mate.

Judge Salisbury went to St. Louis last Thursday night, on business, and returned Saturday.

This must necessarily be a tiresome session to many of the members, because of one item of work, and that to be first acted upon by the committees. The graduating exercises of the Lincoln Institute were held in the Representative Hall last night, at which there was a massive attendance, without distinction of race, color or previous servitude. There were eight or nine graduates, all of whom did well. The music, by the "Institute choir," was said to be of excellence. Prof. Page, the principal of the Institute, is said to be a fine scholar, and is immensely popular with all classes here, as an educator. Senator Moran made the speech last night in awarding the diplomas, which were not presented, by advice of the regents, till the law, authorizing graduates of Lincoln Institute and the Normal schools to teach in the public schools without a certificate from the county commissioner, goes into effect.

Our sanctum is redolent with the fume of a handsome bouquet, presented with "Compliments of a Friend." It is seldom, indeed, that the path of a county editor is strewn with roses, and we sincerely thank the friend who has so kindly remembered us.

Two freight trains on the Chicago & Alton collided near Marshall, recently, demolishing an engine and two cars. The engineers and firemen escaped unhurt. Forty hogs and sixteen head of cattle were killed.

The Penitentiary.

Last Friday, in company with a number of sojourners at Jefferson City, we took a stroll through the state prison, for which we are indebted to Mr. Gill, one of the officials, who acted as guide and dispenser of valuable information. The several departments of the prison in which the convicts are worked have been so often described that it seems a work of supererogation to undertake to do so in our limited space. Suffice to say, so far as we were able to judge, the working of the institution is as near perfect as human ingenuity can make it. Warden Marmaduke is painstaking and efficient, and gives his personal attention to the duties of the important position he holds. He is assisted by a competent corps of men, some of whom have become familiar with all the details of their work. To give the information we asked concerning the number of convicts, and other details of the prison, the warden kindly ordered one of the convicts, an assistant clerk in his office, to furnish a copy of the daily report of the provision used and of the men, from which we make the following summary. The report is for May 19.

Beef, 1,830 pounds.....worth \$107.06

Beans, 275 pounds..... " 6.88

Bacon, 120 pounds..... " 7.20

Onions, 75 pounds..... " 1.31

Potatoes, 30 bushels..... " 22.50

Corn meal, 20 bushels..... " 11.00

Flour, 6 barrels..... " 23.85

Coffee, 82 pounds..... " 12.92

Soda, 4 pounds..... " .16

Pepper, 7 pounds..... " 1.33

Vinegar, 3 gallons..... " .51

Molasses, 45 gallons..... " 11.25

Hominy, 5 pounds..... " .07

Total cost daily\$206.04

Gate count of men.....1,686

Cost per capita.....12 22-100 cents

Men worked under contract.....917

On repairs to the penitentiary.....273

State necessities, including blacksmiths, laundrymen, etc.....269

Sick.....111

Cells.....78

Total males.....1,648

Total females.....39

Grand total in prison.....1,687

There are included in the list 16 prisoners who are regarded as hopelessly insane. With some their sentence expired several years ago, but they have no friends to receive them and there is no other provision for them. They cannot be turned loose, hence they are liable to be prisoners "while life shall last." Some fifty others are cranks who need more or less attention all the time, and who stay in the hospital. We spent a few minutes in that portion of the prison set apart exclusively for females. These poor unfortunate are held for almost every grade of crime. Several of them, including Sadie Hayes, who murdered Police-Sergeant Jenks, in St. Louis, a few years ago, are working out life sentences. A more unsightly set to look upon, than these degraded women, we never beheld. In many of them it seemed that every lineament of the countenance was indicative of crime. In entering the room where over thirty of them were congregated, the assistant matron, a lady of pleasing address, arose to meet us. She cheerfully answered all questions concerning her charge, both in an individual and collective sense. She seemed to have good control of her department. All of the prisoners under her charge were engaged in sewing, some with machines and others by hand. We retired from this department with a deep sympathy for the kind lady in charge, because of the impression made upon us that the female convicts, as a rule, (judging from their personnel) were much more difficult to manage than their neighbors of the sterner sex. We did not have time to call upon the Chariton county convicts. George Harry, sent at last court, is working at the harness trade.

Our old countyman and friend, Major Ruthven, is still here. He superintends the building of all the stone work about the building and has nearly 50 men under his charge. Age is beginning to tell upon him, though he is still efficient and is not likely to be laid on the shelf because of decrepitude, for many years yet.

D. W. Marmaduke, the warden, brother of the governor, understands how to be agreeable and instructive to visitors. We take it he is the right man for the place. His assistant, Capt. Bradbury, is well known over the state as a number one gentleman, and well fitted for his position. In fact, we did not meet with a single officer of the prison, or superintendent of any department who was not exceedingly clever to us.

Connected with the culinary department there is a mammoth bakery, that was turning out as fine an article of light bread as we ever tasted. The convicts who operated this bakery are professional bakers and seemed much gratified to show the result of their skill.

In the 5th story of the building, in which the kitchen and the dining-room are located, is the "prison chapel," that has a seating capacity of 2,000. Right Rev. J. Gierlow, of the Episcopal church, is the chaplain. He preaches to the convicts at 3 o'clock p. m. on Sunday. The convicts are required to attend church. They are accompanied by a sufficient force of the guards to "cover accidents." They have a prison choir that is said to dispense a high order of sacred music. Services are held in a separate building for the female convicts. Whether these religious exercises will result in the reformation of the convicts, we cannot say, but the authorities are certainly doing the right thing in affording the necessary instruction and encouragement, looking to such a desirable result.

Shamers.

While voluntary drunkenness, in any instance, is shameful, disgraceful and disgusting, there are circumstances under which it is doubly so. This thought was impressed upon us by a scene in the senate chamber at Jefferson City last Friday morning. The gavel had summoned the senators to their seats, the venerable chaplain had concluded the invocations of the divine blessing, the daily routine had begun when a young man entered the chamber so much intoxicated as to cause a little girl sitting near the door to inquire, "What is the matter with that man?" A wild, vacant stare from his eyes, his unsteady step and incoherent mutterings told too plainly of the last night's debauch. He walked partially around the chamber, shook hands with one of the reputed railroad lobbyists, retraced his steps and retired, which was well for him, as his conduct was liable to attract the attention of the sergeant-at-arms, who would have most likely have forcibly ejected him from the senate chamber. You can imagine our surprise, when upon inquiry, we learned that this same young man was a member of the lower house of the legislature, the representative from one of the oldest and wealthiest counties of the state, whose citizens are noted for their intelligence and sobriety.

In reply to a letter written to Attorney-General Boone, by County Clerk Lee, making inquiry as to whether counties under township organization were allowed to levy more than fifty cents on the \$100 valuation or county revenue purposes, Mr. Boone gives it as his opinion that no levy can be made exceeding that amount. The honorable county court at its late session levied thirty-five cents on the \$100, leaving the various townships to make their own levy, which cannot now exceed fifteen cents, making a total of fifty cents. The attorney-general says that his decision applies to all counties whether under township organization or not.

Scribner School House.

News items scarce this week.

Mrs. Perkins is very sick of lung trouble and other ailments.

"Pee Dee Sittings" spent the third Sunday in this neighborhood.

A Sunday-school was organized at Scribner on the third Sunday.

Mrs. Sarah Bennett is seriously ill at her son's, Murray Bennett's.

We had a heavy rain Monday which did considerable damage to the corn.

Porter Shoemaker and family are visiting relatives, near Scribner, this week.

Josiah Benner has returned from a visit to his daughter, Mrs. Emma Snyder, of Sedalia.

It takes two young men in this neighborhood to take a young lady buggy riding on Sunday.

If "rough on rats" kills correspondents, it must be a slow means of extermination, as we fail to hear of their deaths.

S. A. Gordon is repairing the Scribner school-house, in the way of laying a new floor, cleaning out and fixing the well, etc.

We understand that work will be furnished for the prisoners in jail, who are serving out a fine or jail sentence, such as pounding rock, etc. We are glad of it.

G. C.

East Chariton.

Rain.

Muddy roads.

Lots of sheep killing going on by the dogs.

Flowers of all kinds are beginning to beautify the earth.

Mr. F. K. Smith reports the dogs having made a raid on his hogs.

The wood work on Mr. James Gann's house is about completed.

Corn is up and looking splendid.

Most of the hay has been plowed over.

Mr. James Parks, of Shannondale, was in our community Sunday with his family.

Mr. Clarence Sheaves is now watching his sheep of a night to prevent them being killed by dogs.

Don't say anything to Mr. Winn about how he planted his corn, or how deep. He don't know.

Rev. H. P. Bond preached Miss Enly Brumhall's funeral at the Pleasant Wood church last Sunday.

Last Saturday our neighborhood was serenaded by nearly a hundred negroes who had fish on the brain. The representatives were from Salisbury.

A compliment I think would be, appropriate to "Luna C."

O what a poetess is she!

I really admire.

When I read my pleasure grows,

I hope her poems ne'er will close,

For in my dreams of sweet repose

I never do pass by her.

HARRY.

DRUNKENNESS.

or Liquor Habit, can be Cured by administering Dr. Haines' Golden Specific.

It can be given in a cup of coffee or tea without the knowledge of the person taking it, effecting a speedy and permanent cure, whether the patient is a moderate drinker or an alcoholic wreck. Thousands of drunkards have been made temperate men who have taken the Golden Specific in their coffee without their knowledge, and to day believe they quit drinking of their own free will. No harmful effects result from its administration. Cures guaranteed. Send for circular and full particulars. Address: Dr. J. J. MOORE, Golden Specific Co., 185 Race Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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APPLEGATE & MARTIN

Desire everybody to know that they have placed in stock, in the last few days, the largest and cheapest line of

Dry Goods, Dress Goods, White Goods, Hosiery.

Men and Boy's Spring and Summer Clothing,

Gent's Furnishing Goods, Fans, Parasols, Etc.

These goods must go in season, and in order to move them quickly, we have simply

CUT THE LIFE OUT OF PRICES--FOR CASH!

Which will defy all competition.

We have no bankrupt stock of old shelf-worn goods to offer you. Our goods are all Fresh and New, and worth

ONE HUNDRED CENTS ON THE \$1.00.

Call early while the assortment is full and complete. We will save you money.

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Real Estate and Loan Agent, KEYTESVILLE, MO.

I have a Large List of Improved and Unimproved Lands for Sale on Reasonable Terms.

Money Loaned on Unimproved Real Estate in sums of \$200 and Upwards for Three Years or More at Ten per Cent per Annum with Reasonable Commission.

I Respectfully Solicit a Share of the Patronage of Parties Desiring to Buy or Sell Real Estate or to Borrow Money.

N. B. WELCH.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE BY SHERIFF.

Whereas, Lemuel Bayne and Kitty Bayne, his wife, by their certain deed of trust, dated the 1st day of April, A. D. 1884, and recorded in deed of trust book 8, on page 499, in the recorder's office of Chariton county, Missouri, conveyed to Thos. R. Johnson, as trustee, all their right, title and interest in and to the following described real estate, situate, lying and being in the county of Chariton, state of Missouri, to-wit: All of the east half of the southeast quarter of section twenty-nine (29), township fifty-three (53), range eighteen (18), containing eighty (80) acres, more or less. Which said conveyance was made in trust to secure the payment of certain promissory notes in said deed described, and, whereas, said notes have become due and remain unpaid, and whereas said deed provides that in case of the absence, death, or refusal, or disability in anywise of the legal holder of said notes, and in pursuance of the terms of said deed of trust, I will, on

Friday the 17th day of June, A. D. 1887,

between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of that day at the east front door of the court house, in the city of Keytesville, Chariton county, Missouri, expose to sale the above described property at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash, for the purpose of satisfying said notes and paying the costs and expenses of executing this trust.

J. J. MOORE,

Sheriff of Chariton county, Missouri.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE BY SHERIFF.

Whereas C. C. Courtney and T. P. Courtney, his wife, by their certain deed of trust, dated the 19th day of March, A. D. 1886, and recorded in deed of trust book 7, on page 444, in the recorder's office of Chariton county, Missouri, conveyed to Thomas J. Martin, as trustee, all their right, title and interest in and to the following described real estate, situate, lying and being in the county of Chariton, state of Missouri, to-wit: Lot number six (6), in block No. eighty-two (82), and lots two (2), and three (3) in block eighty-three (83), in the city of Keytesville, which said conveyance was made in trust to secure the payment of a certain promissory note in said deed of trust described, and whereas said note has become due and remains unpaid, and whereas said deed provides that in case of the absence, death, or refusal, or disability in anywise of the said trustee to act, the sheriff of Chariton county may proceed to sell the property in compliance with the terms of said deed, and whereas Thomas J. Martin, said trustee, refuses to act in the premises now, therefore, at the request of the legal holder of said note, and in pursuance of the terms of said deed of trust, I will, on

Thursday, the 9th day of June, A. D. 1887,

between the hours of 9 o'clock in the forenoon and 5 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, at the east front door of the court house, in the city of Keytesville, Chariton county, Missouri, expose to sale the above described property at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash, for the purpose of satisfying said note and paying the costs and expenses of executing this trust.

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